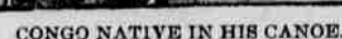


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The latest methods of treating the natives of the Congo Free State have brought out the fact that by proper management they may be utilized successfully as laborers. This means the possibility of a rapid development of the country. The building of the first 25 miles of railroad from Matadi to

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The Free State is now the personal property of King Leopold of the Belgians, and an absolute monarchy. This form of government is, however, only temporary. Belgium has the right to annex the state since 1860. It is well known that King Leopold, in making his will, instructed that the state become the property of Belgium in the event of his death before its annexation was finally voted upon by the Belgian parliament. It seems outside the limits of possibility that such a magnificent gift will be refused, but in such an event it can be bequeathed to anyone whom the king desires to name as his legatee. His successor, however, must, before accepting the gift, be authorized to do so by parliament. The king's nephew, Prince Albert, son of the late King Leopold, will probably succeed him on the throne.

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